

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Sottile & Sariti
Families

8:00AM Maria Ricci Mattessich

10:00AM Stella Cinclini

12:00PM Edwin Henriquez

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

ST. MONICA

8:00AM Maria & Mirko Marusic

11:30AM Carmelo Bruzzesi

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

ST. AUGUSTINE

8:00AM Viktor Svorinic

11:30AM Diego Leon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:00AM Maria & John Hronicich

11:30AM Ana Picinic

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00AM Bruno Matesic

11:30AM Lina Frankovic

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00AM Ramon dela Rosa

11:30AM Rina Tarabocchia

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

11:30PM Elizabeth, Otto & Betty Bamert

Matteo Tarabocchia

Rhoda Dacanay Santos

Nicolina Mirkovic

Zdenko Matesic

5:00PM Theresa Gastelu

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Ivan Morin

10:00AM Ottavio Martire

12:00PM The Holy Souls

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
Rosalie Menzella

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
John Picinic

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Ana Picinic

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Advantages of fidelity

Ps 15

One who does justice will live in the
presence of the Lord

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Be doers of the word, not hearers only

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

That which comes from within defiles

PASTOR'S MESSAGE AUGUST 26, 2018

My dear parishioners and friends,

As the end of summer comes closer and closer my energies are being taken up with doing the "practical" part of planning for the year ahead. What exactly will we do with the youth ministry? What is the plan for the RCIA? How are we going to do our Confirmation preparation... First Communion... Religious Education? What sort of opportunities will we provide this year for Adult Faith Formation, spiritual retreats, community building activities? I have so many questions right now that it is hard to decide what to tackle first!

One thing I have settled on is the idea to use a program from DynamicCatholic.com that will form the basis of our youth ministry and Confirmation program. It's called Decision Point, and it looks like a really good program (especially because it is free online). I feel confirmed in the Spirit in this choice because our readings this week are all about making the right decision. Joshua asks the Israelites to decide, Who will you serve? The God who led you out of Egypt, or the gods you formerly served in your captivity? Joshua says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"

This Sunday we are explicitly being asked if we have come to that Decision Point in our lives. Have we made the commitment to follow Jesus, or are we still undecided about who we will serve? Is it God? Is it pleasure, wealth, fame? Are we just going to continue to be a slave to our emotional whims, or have we made a real commitment to serve God and to serve God's people?

The first opportunity that we will have this fall for some Adult Faith formation will begin on Thursday, Sept. 6th at 7:00 PM in the daily mass chapel, with the viewing of the first episode of Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism. This ten-part series that aired on PBS explores the beauty and breadth of our Catholic faith. Come! Gain a new appreciation for faith that is our common heritage. This program also serves as an introduction for those who will be participating in the RCIA this year, but it is just too good to keep it just for them. All are welcome!

Fondly yours in Christ,
Fr. Bruce

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here
August 19th

Sunday Collection **\$5,121.00**

Assumption Collection **\$1,508.00**

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." – Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously support the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!



BINGO

THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEGIN AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND WIN SOME MONEY AND HAVE FUN.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its first Mass of the season on Saturday, September 1st at the 5:00PM Mass. Please assemble in the vestibule and wear your Medal.

BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the following newcomers baptized during the month of August:

Ethan Bubane Kwaku Korley
Nathan Nutifafa Kwaku Korley
Nathan James Leahy

CCD REGISTRATION

CCD Registration for grades 1 to 8 will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, September 6 – 6:00-7:00PM at the rectory office

Sunday, September 9 – 1:00-2:00PM at the rectory office

All registrations must be accompanied by a Baptism Certificate if the child was not baptized at Epiphany. The fee is \$100 for Communion and Confirmation (grades 2 and 8). All other grades are \$85. The first day of class is Sunday, September 16 at 11:00AM- 12 Noon held at the school on Lafayette Avenue. **NO** registration will be accepted without Baptism Certificate or payment. Any questions contact Donna Murtagh at the rectory office.

BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem on Sunday, September 30th. Bus leaves at about 9:00AM and returns about 6:00PM. Reservations are \$35 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Community Food Pantry. All tickets must be paid by September 20th.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be having a “Welcome to Fall Get-Together” on Saturday, September 15th in our Church Hall from 7:00-11:00PM. Tickets are \$15 per person which includes a hot dog, hamburger, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. Bring your own sides and fixings! Music will be provided by DJ Nick. Tickets are available at the rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

DID YOU MISS A SACRAMENT?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is one way to make up for the grace you may be missing in your life. To learn more about the RCIA process and about the Roman Catholic faith, please call Fr. Bruce at [201-943-7320](tel:201-943-7320). Our RCIA process will begin August 30th.

WANT TO LIVE A MORE GRACE-FILLED LIFE?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is one way to enrich and grow in the knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith and to respond more intentionally to God’s call to holiness. To learn more about the RCIA process and about the Roman Catholic faith, please call Fr. Bruce at [201-943-7320](tel:201-943-7320). Our RCIA process will begin August 30th with the Pre-catechumenate.

CALLING ALL TEENS TO DISCIPLESHIP

Our Parish Youth Ministry program is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 16th with the celebration of a “different-kind-of” mass at 6:00PM, followed by a “different-kind-of” activity from 7:00 to 8:30PM. All young people (8th grade and up) are invited and encouraged to attend the mass and the activity. For more information, and to enroll in the Parish Youth Ministry program (including the Confirmation program) please contact Fr. Bruce at [201-943-7320](tel:201-943-7320).

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUPS

Many who hunger for God’s consolation after the loss of a loved one, separation or divorce or other circumstance will find that faith based programs can offer them hope and comfort. A listing of parish support groups are now available on the Family Life Office webpage. Currently, the Archdiocese of Newark has over 60 different types of support groups ministering to an estimate of 1,200 people each year. The types of groups include: general bereavement, bereaved parents, separated and divorced, single parents and same sex attraction. To find a support group near you, go to www.rcan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0 and select the group type from the menu on the right. To make updates to our list, please contact Lauren Egan at 974-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org

OPEN HOUSE

Bergen Catholic, Oradell, will host its first Open House on Sunday, September 16th from 1:00-3:00PM. Registration can be found on www.bergencatholic.org/admissions. If you have questions, please email Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org

YOUTH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Our Parish Youth Confirmation program is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 16th with the celebration of a “different-kind-of” mass at 6:00PM, followed by a “different-kind-of” activity from 7:00 to 8:30PM. All young people (8th grade and up) who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend the mass and the activity. For more information, and to enroll in the Parish Youth Confirmation program, please contact Fr. Bruce at [201-943-7320](tel:201-943-7320).

VOLUNTEER SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED

We are looking for volunteer singers and musicians (keyboard, guitar, bass, flute, violin, etc. and percussion) who would like to play contemporary Christian music for our Parish Youth masses. Please contact Fr. Bruce at [201-943-7320](tel:201-943-7320).

SAVE THE DATE – TRICKY TRAY EXTRAVAGANZA

We will be having our Annual Tricky Tray Fall Beefsteak Dinner/Dance on Saturday, November 3rd catered by Giresi’s. We are looking for new items to use in our raffle. **If you can donate any new items, please bring them to the rectory. We are also in need of empty baskets (wicker baskets, gift baskets, etc.) that we can use to wrap the prizes for our Tricky Tray. If you wish to make a monetary donation for us to buy a gift, it would be greatly appreciated.** It will be an evening of dinner, dancing, raffles and prizes. Tickets are available at the rectory at a cost of \$45.00 per person. Entertainment will be by the Jumpin Dragons Band.

COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRIES

The following colleges in New Jersey have Catholic Campus Ministries on their campuses: Rutgers, New Brunswick; Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck; Kean University, Union; Montclair State University, Montclair; New Jersey City University, Jersey City; Newark Newman Center – NJIT & Rutgers, Newark; Ramapo College, Ramapo; Union County College, Cranford. All colleges have Sunday and weekday masses.

CUBAN MUSIC CONCERT

On Saturday, September 8th at 7:00PM, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Maywood, is hosting a concert featuring the rich music of Cuba with tenor Emmanuel Cruz and pianist Patricia Molina. Please invite friends and family on this musical trip to Cuba. Tickets are \$10 per person and all proceeds will go to upgrade the church’s keyboard.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Sister Kieran O’Riordan, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Tammy Ledden, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina DeLuca, Renee Pascarella, Brother Peter Lyne, Cora Shaffer, Helen Steinel, Ivan Tarabokia, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Paul Barbara, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Eileen Palazzo, Peter Foglio, Jr., Hilda Borrito, Paul Kiczek, Kenneth Crawford, Clyde Harger, Gloria Bonura, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Leonard Cappelluti.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Zdenko Matesic, Geraldine Delliacona, Riccardo Mattessich, Matthew Dickman, James Hanrahan, Deacon Ramon Vileda-Ramos, Sister Romilda Chiga, F.S.S.E.

“YOU SAY: ‘I’M TOO TIRED’; GOD SAYS ‘I WILL GIVE YOU REST!’”

